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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN,

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

AND

TOWN TREASURER

OF THE

TOWN OF MONTAGUE,

1887-88.



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URNERS FALLS, MASS. :  
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1888.

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

## TOWN WARRANT.

FRANKLIN SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Montague, in the County of Franklin. GREETING.

**I**N the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at Patucket Hall, in the village of Turners Falls in said Montague, on Monday the fifth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

1st. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

2d. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. Under the by-laws all town officers required by law to be elected by ballot, must be voted for on the same ballot, except Moderator and Collector of taxes.

3d. To vote by separate ballot, yes or no, on the question "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town."

4th. To hear the report of the Selectmen, School Committee and others, and act thereon.

5th. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for town debts, and expenses for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

6th. To act any thing relating to building and repairing highways and bridges.

7th. To act anything relating to rebuilding the bridge at the mouth of Millers river.

8th. To act on anything relating to sewers and drains.

9th. To act on the list of jurors proposed by the Selectmen.

10th. To see if the town will authorize the appointment of Police, and make appropriation for the same.

11th. To see if the town will fix the time when taxes shall be paid, and act anything relating to interest and discount on taxes.

12th. To see if the town will appropriate one hundred dollars for Memorial Day, to be divided equally between the two Grand Army Posts.

13th. To see if the town will authorize the sale of any portion of the Town Farm.

14th. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of the collection of taxes.

15th. To see if the town will accept the location of J street, from Seventh to Ninth street, as made by the Selectmen, and build and establish the same as a public highway.

16th. To see if the town will accept the location of a town way as made by the Selectmen, to connect Fourth and Central streets, in the village of Turners Falls, and build and establish the same as a highway.

17th. To see if the town will pay S. E. Ripley for his services as a member of the Sewer Committee.

18th. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chap. 27 of the Public Statutes, Section 65, 66, 67 and 68, relating to the election of Assessors.

19th. To see if the town will assent to the alteration of the limits of Turners Falls Fire District, as petitioned by M. B. Collins and others.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, in some conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices of the Town at least seven days before said meeting, and by publishing the same once in the Turners Falls REPORTER.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight.

R. N. OAKMAN, } Selectmen  
W. H. WARD, } of  
A. T. BARTLETT, } Montague.

A true copy, attest:

W. H. WARD, Constable.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT.

M. B. COLLINS, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH  
THE TOWN OF MONTAGUE. DR.

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Cash on hand, Report, March, 1887,        | \$715 31   |
| Rent vestry, Town Hall,                   | 30 00      |
| Cash from town of Greenfield, paupers,    | 2 25       |
| City of Northampton, “                    | 5 75       |
| Town of Leverett, “                       | 21 60      |
| E. Demond, “                              | 5 00       |
| New London R. R. “                        | 20 00      |
| Town of Orange, “                         | 330 00     |
| State Treasurer, “                        | 598 88     |
| A., Refunded, “                           | 35 00      |
| Liquor licenses, “                        | 3754 00    |
| M. O'Keefe, keeping prisoners at Lock-up, | 32 50      |
| Town of Greenfield for stone,             | 7 20       |
| C. H. Eglee, acct. highways,              | 9 00       |
| School Committee for tuition,             | 112 33     |
| “ “ sale books,                           | 43 17      |
| State treasurer, corporation tax,         | 1165 99    |
| National bank tax,                        | 542 89     |
| Military aid,                             | 39 00      |
| State aid,                                | 804 00     |
| borrowed from Crocker Institution         |            |
| for Savings on acct. freshet and bridges, | 5000 00    |
| Town of Deerfield acct. Rice's Ferry,     | 36 98      |
| State treasurer income Mass. school fund, | 241. 41    |
| County treasurer, dog fund,               | 240 80     |
| S. E. Ripley, balance taxes, year 1884,   | 30 00      |
| “ “ “ “ “ 1885,                           | 70 00      |
| “ “ interest on taxes,                    | 250 00     |
| M. O'Keefe, police fees,                  | 40 85      |
| J. W. Morrison, estate, police fees,      | 72 26      |
| Town of Greenfield, half suspen. bridge,  | 2260 39    |
| M. B. Collins, abutter's sewer tax,       | 1667 06    |
| M. B. Collins, int. “ “ “                 | 64 94      |
| M. B. Collins, tax, year 1886,            | 78 21      |
| M. B. Collins, tax, year 1887,            | 58181 02   |
|   | \$76507 79 |

M. B. COLLINS, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH  
THE TOWN OF MONTAGUE.

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| By paid State tax,                             | \$3645 00  |
| County tax,                                    | 4750 73    |
| Town debt,                                     | 5000 00    |
| Sinking Fund Commissioners,                    | 2000 00    |
| Interest on sewer loan,                        | 2000 00    |
| Temporary interest,                            | 234 37     |
| Interest on Town notes,                        | 675 00     |
| Interest on sewer note,                        | 400 00     |
| On account of freshet and bridges,             | 9665 38    |
| State aid,                                     | 761 00     |
| Military aid,                                  | 126 00     |
| National Bank tax,                             | 4415 81    |
| State Treasurer, $\frac{1}{4}$ liquor license, | 938 50     |
| Selectmen's orders,                            | 35679 68   |
| On sewer note,                                 | 1732 00    |
| Balance of cash on hand,                       | \$4484 32  |
|  | \$76507 79 |

*To the Citizens of Montague:*

The undersigned respectfully submits for your consideration this Report of the financial business of the town for the year ending March 5th, 1888.

M. B. COLLINS, Treasurer.

## TO TAX PAYERS OF MONTAGUE:

In making this report I deem it best to give settlement with each Collector, which I herewith submit.

## S. E. RIPLEY, Collector.

|                            |   |          |
|----------------------------|---|----------|
| Year 1884.                 | Balance due as per last report,           | \$30 00  |
| Year 1885.                 | Balance due as per last report,           | 70 00    |
| Years 1884-5.              | Interest on taxes due as per last report, | 250 00   |
|                            |   | <hr/>    |
|                            |   | \$350 00 |
| By cash paid to Treasurer, |   | \$350 00 |

## M. B. COLLINS, Collector.

|            |                                 |         |
|------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Year 1886. | Balance due as per last report, | \$98 21 |
|            | By abatements,                  | \$20 00 |
|            | By cash paid to Treasurer,      | 78 21   |
|            |                                 | <hr/>   |
|            |                                 | \$98 21 |

## M. B. COLLINS, Collector.

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Balance due as per last report on sewer assessments, | \$5070 72 |
| Interest received on same,                           | 64 94     |
|  | <hr/>     |
|  | \$5135 66 |
| By paid to Treasurer,                                | 1732 00   |
|  | <hr/>     |
| Balance due the Town,                                | \$3403 66 |

## M. B. COLLINS, Collector.

|                       |   |             |
|-----------------------|---|-------------|
| Year 1887.            | Amount Warrant,                         | \$61754 65  |
|                       | By abatements,                          | \$68 55     |
|                       | By discount taxes, p'd Oct. 1, 2,847 86 |             |
|                       | By cash to Treasurer,                   | 58,181 02   |
|                       |   | <hr/>       |
|                       |   | \$61,097 43 |
|                       |   | <hr/>       |
| Balance due the town, |   | \$657 22    |

## ASSETS.

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Due for taxes, year 1887,                            | \$657 22  |
| Due sewer assessments,                               | 3403 66   |
| Due from Commonwealth for State and Military<br>aid, | 823 00    |
| Cash on hand,  | 4484 32   |
|  | <hr/>     |
|  | \$9368 20 |

For other assets of the Town attention is called to reports of Overseers of Poor and Sewer Sinking Fund Commissioners.

## LIABILITIES.

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Notes of the Town unpaid,  | \$10,000 00 |
| Sewer Bonds,   | 50,000 00   |
| Note to Crocker Institution for Savings,<br>account abutters' sewer assessments, | 8268 00     |
| Note to Crocker Institution for Savings,<br>account July freshet,                | 5000 00     |
|  | <hr/>       |
|  | \$73,268 00 |

## LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENSUING.

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Interest on old notes,    | \$450 00  |
| Interest on freshet note, | 225 00    |
| Interest on sewer note,   | 330 72    |
| One note to pay,          | 5000 00   |
| Interest on Sewer Bonds,  | 2000 00   |
|                           | <hr/>     |
|                           | \$8005 72 |

## EUNICE H. CLAPP FUND.

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Deposited in Crocker Institution for Savings, | \$150 00 |
| Interest to January 2d, 1888,                 | 7 60     |
|   | <hr/>    |
| Total,  | \$157 60 |

# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.



TO THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF MONTAGUE:

The Selectmen herewith submit, for your consideration, their annual report for the financial year, ending Feb. 4, 1888.

## STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

|                |           |           |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Appropriation, |           | \$7500 00 |
| State Tax,     | \$3645 00 |           |
| County,        | 4750 73   |           |
|                | <hr/>     | 8395 73   |
| Deficiency,    |           | \$895 73  |

## TOWN DEBT.

|                 |  |           |
|-----------------|--|-----------|
| Appropriation,  |  | \$5000 00 |
| Paid town note, |  | 5000 00   |

## INTEREST.

|                             |          |           |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Appropriation,              |          | \$1500 00 |
| Paid on town notes,         | \$675 00 |           |
| “ on temporary loans,       | 234 37   |           |
| “ on Sewer assessment note, | 400 00   |           |
| Balance in treasury,        | 190 63   |           |
|                             | <hr/>    | \$1500 00 |

## MEMORIAL DAY.

|                                    |         |          |
|------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Appropriation,                     |         | \$100 00 |
| Paid G. A. R. Post, Turners Falls, | \$50 00 |          |
| “ “ “ Montague Center,             | 50 00   |          |
|                                    | <hr/>   | \$100 00 |



## TOWN LIBRARY.

|                                 |          |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation,                  | \$600 00 |          |
| Dog fund,                       | 240 80   |          |
|                                 | —————    | \$840 80 |
| Paid C. W. Hazelton, treasurer, |          | 840 80   |

## M. B. COLLINS, COLLECTOR, 1886.

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| Appropriation,      | \$900 00 |
| Paid M. B. Collins, | 900 00   |

## E. F. GUNN, COLLECTOR.

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Appropriation,   | \$225 00 |
| Paid E. F. Gunn, | 225 00   |

## S. E. RIPLEY, COLLECTOR.

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| Appropriation,     | \$351 50 |
| Paid S. E. Ripley, | 351 50   |

## ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAW.

|                      |          |          |
|----------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation,       | \$600 00 |          |
| Expended,            | \$288 87 |          |
| Balance in treasury, | 311 13   |          |
|                      | —————    | \$600 00 |

## POLICE DEPARTMENT.

|                                    |           |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Appropriation,                     | \$1400 00 |           |
| Received from John Morrison, fees, | \$72 26   |           |
| “ “ M. O’Keefe, fees,              | 40 85     |           |
|                                    | —————     | \$1513 11 |
| Paid John Morrison, salary,        | \$670 79  |           |
| “ M. O’Keefe, salary,              | 700 00    |           |
| “ Carrol Daly, salary,             | 100 00    |           |
| Balance in treasury,               | 42 32     |           |
|                                    | —————     | \$1513 11 |

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

|   |  |           |
|---|--|-----------|
| Appropriation,  |  | \$7000 00 |
| Received from town of Deerfield, one-half support Rice's Ferry, |  | 36 98     |
| Received from town of Greenfield, sale of stone,                |  | 7 20      |
| “ “ C. H. Eglee, labor,   |  | 9 00      |
|   |  | <hr/>     |
|   |  | \$7053 18 |

## PAID OLD BILLS.

|                                  |         |           |
|----------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Michael Fitzgerald, 1885 bill,   | \$20 13 |           |
| Medrie Lenois, 1886 bill,        | 9 24    |           |
| William French, 1886 bill,       | 6 85    | \$36 22   |
| Turners Falls District, repairs, |         | 3955 64   |
| Montague Center “ “              |         | 1180 15   |
| Millers Falls “ “                |         | 877 17    |
| Rent of Montague City bridge,    |         | 240 00    |
| Rice's Ferry,                    |         | 73 96     |
| Balance in treasury,             |         | 690 04    |
|                                  |         | <hr/>     |
|                                  |         | \$7053 18 |

## AVENUE A AND PARK STREET.

|                        |           |           |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Appropriation,         |           | \$2100 00 |
| Paid Michael Sullivan, | \$1500 00 |           |
| Balance in treasury,   | 600 00    |           |
|                        |           | <hr/>     |
|                        |           | \$2100 00 |

FRESHET ACCOUNT.

Authorized to borrow at Dec. meeting, \$5000 00

PAID FOR REPAIRS.

|                           |       |    |                        |
|---------------------------|-------|----|------------------------|
| Turners Falls District,   | \$245 | 54 |                        |
| Montague Center “         | 3097  | 16 |                        |
| Millers Falls “           | 1016  | 09 |                        |
| Chestnut Hill “           | 156   | 25 |                        |
| Dry Hill “                | 182   | 97 | \$4698 01              |
| W. H. Ward, services,     |       | 50 | 00                     |
| A. T. Bartlett, services, | 25    | 00 | 4773 01                |
| Balance in treasury,      |       |    | 226 99                 |
|                           |       |    | <u>—————</u> \$5000 00 |

REPAIRS OF SUSPENSION BRIDGES.

Authorized to borrow at Dec. meeting, \$3000 00

Paid as follows :

|  |        |    |                        |
|--|--------|----|------------------------|
| For iron and iron work,                    | \$1008 | 93 |                        |
| “ labor,                                   | 2674   | 49 |                        |
| “ lumber,                                  | 828    | 82 |                        |
| “ advertising closing,                     | 5      | 60 |                        |
| “ oil,                                     | 2      | 95 | 4520 79 total cost.    |
| Received from town of Greenfield,          | 2260   | 39 |                        |
| Net cost to town of Montague,              |        |    | 2260 40                |
| Paid for painting upper suspension bridge, | 371    | 58 |                        |
|  |        |    | <u>—————</u> \$2631 98 |
| Balance in treasury,                       |        |    | 368 02 \$3000 00       |

## SEWER DEPARTMENT.

|                                     |        |          |          |
|-------------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation,                      |        | \$300 00 |          |
| Transferred from incidental account |        |          |          |
| December meeting,                   |        | \$300 00 |          |
|                                     |        | <hr/>    | \$600 00 |
| Paid Michael Sullivan,              | labor, | \$257 49 |          |
| " Manchester & Ward,                | tile,  | 95 42    |          |
| " F. I. Webster,                    | hose,  | 210 00   |          |
| Balance in Treasury,                |        | 37 09    |          |
|                                     |        | <hr/>    | \$600 00 |

## SEWER SINKING FUND.

|                                     |           |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Appropriation,                      | \$2000 00 |
| Paid to Sinking Fund Commissioners, | 2000 00   |

## INTEREST ON SEWER LOAN.

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| Appropriation, | \$2000 00 |
| Paid interest, | 2000 00   |

The total cost of sewers as per last report was \$65,827.45. The town voted that one-fourth of this amount, viz. : \$16,456.-86 should be assessed on the abutters, and authorized the Selectmen to borrow the sum of \$16,000 in anticipation of the payment of the abutters' assessment.

By the peculiar method adopted by the Selectmen of 1886, only \$11,259.38 was so assessed, leaving a deficiency of \$5,197.48, and a note at the Crocker Institution for Savings of \$10,000, with \$5,070.72 only to collect with which to pay it. This note has been reduced with collections of sewer assessments the past year, as will be seen by the Treasurer's Report, amounting to \$1,732, to \$8,268.00, with about \$3,300.00 to collect; this, if all collected, will still leave a deficiency of \$4,968.00. To this may be added the \$400 paid the past year as interest on the sewer assessment note from the Town Treasury, making a deficiency of \$5,368, to which may be added whatever abatements may be necessary for errors in the assessment, making with the accruing interest at least \$6,000 at the close of the present year, which the whole town has got to assume and provide for, and which the town intended should be paid by the abutters.

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

## TOWN OFFICERS.

|                   |                   |           |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| William S. Dana,  | Town Clerk,       | \$100 00  |
| M. B. Collins,    | “ Treasurer,      | 200 00    |
| “ “ “             | Collector,        | 600 00    |
| R. N. Oakman,     | Selectman,        | 200 00    |
| W. H. Ward,       | “                 | 100 00    |
| A. T. Bartlett,   | “                 | 100 00    |
| Isaac Chenery,    | Assessor,         | 175 00    |
| C. W. Hosmer,     | “                 | 150 00    |
| H. H. Holton,     | “                 | 50 00     |
| M. O’Keefe,       | Overseer of Poor, | 100 00    |
| Paul Mooney,      | “                 | 100 00    |
| Geo. H. Goddard,  | “                 | 100 00    |
| Seymour Rockwell, | School Committee, | 125 00    |
| L. J. March,      | “                 | 100 00    |
| J. A. Taggart,    | “                 | 100 00    |
| E. C. Coy,        | Board of Health,  | 75 00     |
| W. M. Cassidy,    | “                 | 50 00     |
| C. L. Goland,     | “                 | 45 00     |
|                   |                   | <hr/>     |
|                   |                   | \$2470 00 |

## PRECINCT OFFICERS.

## TURNERS FALLS PRECINCT.

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Wm. S. Dana, Clerk,   | \$5 00 |
| S. E. Ripley, Warden, | 3 00   |
| E. D. Severance, “    | 3 00   |

## MILLERS FALLS PRECINCT.

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| E. L. Stockwell, Clerk,                       | \$5 00 |
| John D. Lynch, Warden,                        | 3 00   |
| F. H. King, “                                 | 3 00   |
| C. L. Goland, Constable,                      | 2 00   |
| John D. Lynch, Returning votes to Town Clerk. | 1 25   |

## MONTAGUE CENTER PRECINCT.

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| J. H. Root, Clerk,                         | \$5 00 |
| Jason Mann, Warden,                        | 3 00   |
| E. L. Bartlett, “                          | 3 00   |
| W. H. Nims, Constable,                     | 2 00   |
| W. H. Nims, Returning votes to Town Clerk, | 1 25   |

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\$39 50

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| M. B. Allen,   | \$25 00 |
| E. I. Cassidy, | 25 00   |
| E. C. Owen,    | 25 00   |
| Wm. S. Dana,   | 25 00   |

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\$100 00

## OLD BILLS.

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| C. M. Burnett, Auditor, 1885 and 1886, | \$10 00 |
| E. L. Bartlett, “ “ “ “                | 5 00    |
| F. F. McCabe, Returning deaths, 1886,  | 5 75    |
| Aaron Pike, “ “ “                      | 3 25    |
| C. T. Bagnall, Printing,               | 16 50   |
| John O'Brien, Labor on sewers, 1885,   | 16 00   |
| M. B. Collins, Treasurer's supplies,   | 14 00   |
| Albert Williams, Town house expenses,  | 3 15    |
| A. J. Tupper, Driving hearse,          | 12 00   |

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\$85 65

## MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| C. M. Burnett, auditor 1887,                    | \$5 00 |
| W. W. Chase, " "                                | 5 00   |
| J. H. Root, " "                                 | 5 00   |
| C. T. Walcott, surveying,                       | 9 00   |
| Union Skating Rink Co., March meeting,          | 20 00  |
| " " " " April "                                 | 10 00  |
| " " " " November "                              | 12 00  |
| M. O. Keefe, posting check list,                | 4 50   |
| M. O. Keefe, care of lock up,                   | 75 00  |
| Cecil T. Bagnall, printing,                     | 189 30 |
| A. J. Tupper, driving hearse,                   | 140 00 |
| Wm. S. Dana, express,                           | 4 51   |
| F. H. Brown & Co., town clerk's supplies,       | 29 65  |
| F. H. Brown & Co., selectmen's supplies,        | 11 65  |
| E. C. Owen, team for registrars,                | 4 00   |
| F. F. McCue, posting warrant for March meeting, | 5 50   |
| J. F. Bartlett, repairs on Town House,          | 102 74 |
| Alpheus Moore, " " "                            | 5 00   |
| John LaPointe, " " "                            | 5 22   |
| A. F. Cobb, " " "                               | 1 65   |
| F. H. Brown & Co., Assessors' Supplies,         | 8 49   |
| T. E. Greenwood, special police at Lake,        | 60 00  |
| I. Chenery, " " "                               | 5 00   |
| W. H. Ward, " " "                               | 60 00  |
| S. E. Ripley, wood for lock-up,                 | 27 50  |
| Joseph Clapp, driving hearse,                   | 32 00  |
| Wm. S. Dana, town clerk's supplies,             | 12 35  |
| M. O. Keefe, posting check list,                | 2 00   |
| John Royer, police duty,                        | 5 00   |
| I. Chenery, assessors' supplies,                | 4 80   |
| Frank Gerald, teams for town clerk,             | 10 50  |
| " " " selectmen,                                | 2 25   |
| Amariah Burrows, damages to oxen,               | 15 00  |
| H. B. Clark, Union hall for November election,  | 8 00   |
| C. L. Goland, police duty,                      | 2 00   |
| C. L. Goland, burying horse,                    | 1 00   |
| C. L. Goland, putting up signs,                 | 25     |

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| R. M. Starbuck & Co., tin trunk for town books,        | 2 00   |
| E. A. Hall & Co., town clerk's supplies,               | 1 20   |
| W. H. Nims, serving dog warrant,                       | 4 50   |
| John McIlvene, land to enlarge Central st. school lot, | 125 00 |
| John W. Morrison, truant officer,                      | 120 00 |
| D. W. Bond, counsel in Miller case,                    | 34 30  |
| C. T. Walcott, surveying in Miller Case,               | 16 96  |
| S. D. Emery, assisting Walcott, "                      | 5 75   |
| Millers River Bridge Committee, expenses,              | 12 50  |
| F. I. Webster, furnishings for lock-up,                | 90     |
| Manchester & Ward, repairs of lock-up,                 | 4 17   |
| J. F. Bartlett, " "                                    | 1 61   |
| C. W. Hazelton, moderator March and April meetings,    | 10 00  |
| Wm. S. Dana, recording births, marriages and deaths,   | 160 20 |
| " " as counsel for town officers,                      | 50 00  |
| Paul Mooney, truant officer,                           | 6 00   |
| Christiana Milkey, returning 109 births,               | 27 25  |
| E. C. Coy, " 28 "                                      | 7 00   |
| E. G. Best, " 21 "                                     | 5 25   |
| A. V. Bowker, " 8 "                                    | 2 00   |
| E. A. Deane, " 7 "                                     | 1 75   |
| Anson Cobb, " 6 "                                      | 1 50   |
| J. P. Roulier, " 6 "                                   | 1 50   |
| C. C. Messer, " 4 "                                    | 1 00   |
| J. C. O'Brien, " 2 "                                   | 50     |
| S. P. Woodbury, " 1 "                                  | 25     |
| F. F. McCabe, " 33 deaths,                             | 8 25   |
| Aaron Pike, " 7 deaths,                                | 1 75   |
| M. B. Collins, treasurer's supplies,                   | 2 50   |
| W. H. Ward, posting warrant for April meeting,         | 4 00   |
| " " " check list,                                      | 4 00   |
| " " " warrant November election,                       | 5 00   |
| " " " warrant December meeting,                        | 4 00   |
| " " Selectmen's supplies and postage,                  | 10 00  |
| Wm. S. Dana, insurance on school books,                | 6 25   |
| Albert Williams, town house expenses,                  | 10 55  |
| Harvey Clapp, painting signs,                          | 12 00  |
| A. T. Bartlett, selectmen's supplies,                  | 2 00   |
| R. N. Oakman, recording five deeds,                    | 3 30   |

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\$1577 55



## SUMMARY OF INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

|  |           |                 |
|--|-----------|-----------------|
| Appropriation,                           |           | \$5000 00       |
| Town Officers,                           | \$2470 00 |                 |
| Precinct Expenses,                       | 39 50     |                 |
| Registrars of Voters,                    | 100 00    |                 |
| Old Bills,                               | 85 65     |                 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses,                  | 1577 55   |                 |
|  | —————     | \$4272 70       |
| Transferred to Sewer Dept. Dec. meeting, | 300 00    |                 |
| Balance in treasury,                     | 427 30    |                 |
|  |           | ————— \$5000 00 |

## SUMMARY OF SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| State Tax,                         | \$3645 00  |
| County Tax,                        | 4750 73    |
| Town Debt,                         | 5000 00    |
| Sewer Sinking Fund,                | 2000 00    |
| Interest on Sewer Loan,            | 2000 00    |
| Memorial Day,                      | 100 00     |
| S. E. Ripley,                      | 351 50     |
| E. F. Gunn,                        | 225 00     |
| M. B. Collins,                     | 900 00     |
| Temporary Interest,                | 234 37     |
| Interest on Town notes,            | 675 00     |
| Interest on Sewer Assessment note, | 400 00     |
| Sewer Department,                  | 562 91     |
| Avenue A and Park Street,          | 1500 00    |
| Enforcement of Liquor Law,         | 288 87     |
| Town Library,                      | 840 80     |
| Police Department,                 | 1470 79    |
| Board of Health,                   | 170 95     |
| Freshet,                           | 4773 01    |
| Suspension Bridges,                | 4892 37    |
| Highways and Bridges,              | 6363 14    |
| Poor Department,                   | 4283 80    |
| School “                           | 14349 22   |
| Incidental Expenses,               | 4272 70    |
|                                    | —————      |
|                                    | \$64050 16 |

We would state in way of explanation that at the Town Meeting in December, we were authorized to borrow the sum of eight thousand dollars to meet the bills caused by the July freshet, and the repairs of the two suspension bridges.

We borrowed the sum of five thousand dollars of the Crocker Institution for Savings for three years, from January 1st, 1888, in accordance with the vote of the Town, but finding after paying all the out standing bills a sufficient surplus in the Treasury, we have paid the expenses on the two suspension bridges, viz. \$2631.98, without borrowing, and show over \$3700.00 besides in the treasury more than a year ago.

Respectfully submitted,

R. N. OAKMAN,  
W. H. WARD, } Selectmen.  
A. T. BARTLETT, }

We, the undersigned, have this day examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and School Committee, and find the same to agree with the foregoing reports.

J. H. ROOT.  
E. I. CASSIDY.

*Montague, Feb. 15, 1888.*

ESTIMATED NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR 1888.

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Schooling and repairs, text-books and supplies, | \$14500 00 |
| Support of Poor,                                | 4000 00    |
| Night Police,                                   | 1400 00    |
| Highways and bridges,                           | 7000 00    |
| Incidental expenses,                            | 5000 00    |
| Interest,                                       | 1500 00    |
| Town debt,                                      | 5000 00    |
| Sinking fund, sewer loan,                       | 2000 00    |
| Interest fund, sewer loan,                      | 2000 00    |
| Board of health,                                | 300 00     |
| Town library,                                   | 600 00     |

## PAUPER DEPARTMENT.

### OVERSEERS' ACCOUNT.

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Mrs. Carrie Bully, State,     | \$19 85 |
| Mrs. Julia Martin, “          | 7 00    |
| Michael Strahan,              | 53 63   |
| Mrs. William Desmond,         | 104 45  |
| Mrs. Joseph Supernault,       | 134 59  |
| Eli Belmore,                  | 41 60   |
| Mrs. John Murphy,             | 147 23  |
| Michael Daly,                 | 1 00    |
| Frank St. Cyr,                | 27 10   |
| John St. Germain,             | 45 75   |
| John G. Lucat, State,         | 46 00   |
| James Hughs, “                | 53 73   |
| A. A. Martin,                 | 1 00    |
| Barbra Mazonette, State,      | 44 00   |
| Christian Early,              | 60 60   |
| Chas. O. Clare,               | 71 50   |
| E. E. Stowell,                | 219 45  |
| Louis Provost,                | 13 00   |
| Norman Potter,                | 100 75  |
| Alden Thompson,               | 25 15   |
| Ben Tilden,                   | 54 29   |
| Mrs. P. Breslin,              | 105 15  |
| Mrs. Dwight Cook, Northfield, | 66 57   |
| Ristell Gilbeau,              | 22 50   |
| Nathan Stewart,               | 84 40   |
| Peter Brusso,                 | 12 00   |
| Mrs. Hogany,                  | 139 25  |

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| T. J. Warren,                 | 19 60   |
| Mr. <sup>9</sup> A.—          | 35 00   |
| Henry Kentfield,              | 101 40  |
| Thomas McCarthy,              | 15 53   |
| Adison Parmenter,             | 27 85   |
| Orville Stebbens,             | 8 00    |
| Mrs. Mary McCabe,             | 4 00    |
| E. A. Britt,                  | 8 00    |
| Abbie Zimmerman,              | 39 82   |
| Mary Lewis, Orange,           | 330 00  |
| Mrs. Terry,                   | 154 86  |
| Monroe Wright,                | 37 41   |
| Mrs. Squires,                 | 66 70   |
| Albert H. Stowell,            | 91 58   |
| Carlos Aiken,                 | 7 50    |
| Chas. Flagg,                  | 10 87   |
| Leroy Edwards, Worcester,     | 15 00   |
| Mrs. John Crimmins,           | 66 40   |
| Chas. Clark,                  | 2 00    |
| Mrs. Grout, Bernardston,      | 1 50    |
| Geo. Dennault,                | 25 00   |
| A. Barrows,                   | 1 25    |
| Moses Vivia,                  | 30 78   |
| Mrs. Daniel O'Leary,          | 12 95   |
| A. M. Webster,                | 14 00   |
| George Lewis,                 | 4 50    |
| Mrs. Andrew Welch,            | 1 30    |
| John Walcer, State,           | 12 00   |
| Ada Burnham,                  | 1 30    |
| John White,                   | 35 00   |
| Peter Russell,                | 19 72   |
| Cameron,                      | 90      |
| Travelling Expenses,          | 40 27   |
| Wood for Tramp House,         | 15 00   |
| Printing,                     | 12 00   |
| Town Physician,               | 100 00  |
| Traveling Expenses, Old Bill, | 12 73   |
| Board of Pauper " "           | 2 00    |
| Paid on Farm Account,         | 1198 54 |
|                               | <hr/>   |
|                               | 4283 80 |

|                                  |   |                |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------|
| Appropriation,                   |   | \$4000 00      |
| Received from State Acc., 1886,  |   | 406 08         |
| “ “ Transportation,              |   | 19 95          |
| “ “ Town of Leverett, acc. 1886, |   | 21 60          |
| “ “ Greenfield,                  |   | 2 25           |
| “ “ City of Northampton,         |   | 5 75           |
| “ “ State, acc. 1887,            |   | 172 85         |
| “ “ Town of Orange,              | “ | 330 00         |
| “ “ N. L. N. R. R. Co.,          | “ | 20 00          |
| “ “ Mr. A., refunded,            | “ | 35 00          |
| “ “ E. Demond,                   | “ | 5 00           |
|                                  |   | —————\$5018 48 |
| Due from Northfield,             |   | \$66 57        |
| “ Chas. B. Stowell,              |   | 91 58          |
| “ City of Worcester,             |   | 15 00          |
| “ Bernardston,                   |   | 1 50           |
| “ Estate Addison Parmenter,      |   | 27 85          |
| “ Northfield, 1886,              |   | 29 12          |
| “ N. L. N. R. R. Co.,            |   | 20 00          |
|                                  |   | ————— \$251 62 |

*The following Assets we do not consider Available:*

|   |  |                |
|---|--|----------------|
| Balance due from State on 1886 account. |  | \$150 46       |
| “ “ Leverett,                           |  | 31 00          |
| “ “ State, 1887 account,                |  | 9 73           |
|   |  | ————— \$191 19 |

## TOWN FARM.

## OVERSEERS' ACCOUNT.

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Received for pasturing,    | \$46 35         |
| “ “ milk,                  | 59 27           |
| “ “ boarding horses,       | 62 50           |
| “ “ beef,                  | 20 70           |
| “ “ pigs,                  | 34 50           |
| “ “ potatoes,              | 22 48           |
| “ “ team work,             | 16 59           |
| “ “ apples,                | 9 25            |
| “ “ board outside paupers, | 14 50           |
| “ from town treasurer,     | 1198 54         |
|                            | <hr/> \$1482 68 |

|                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Paid for flour, grain and feed, | \$161 12 |
| “ groceries,                    | 170 05   |
| “ coal,                         | 40 13    |
| To Chas. Wood balance salary,   | 50 00    |
| “ A. W. Crittenden, salary,     | 300 00   |
| “ hired help,                   | 186 00   |
| For clothing,                   | 67 16    |
| “ blacksmiths' bills,           | 13 75    |
| “ wagon,                        | 42 50    |
| “ corn,                         | 42 00    |
| “ mowing machine,               | 50 00    |
| “ stove,                        | 12 50    |
| “ medical attendance,           | 33 31    |

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| “ meat,  | 77 96     |
| “ paper, Gazette and Courier, inmates,               | 2 00      |
| “ fertilizer,  | 38 00     |
| “ plow,  | 10 00     |
| “ small farm tools,                                  | 9 25      |
| “ hay,   | 54 77     |
| “ balance on cow,                                    | 15 00     |
| “ one hog,   | 15 00     |
| “ Sundries, tinware, barbed wire and<br>small items, | 13 85     |
| “ soap,  | 8 15      |
| “ crackers,  | 2 74      |
| “ grain, old bill,                                   | 67 44     |
|  | <hr/>     |
|  | \$1482 68 |

There has been furnished 381 weeks' board to the inmates at the farm.

Number of tramps furnished lodging at the farm and tramp house, 439.



## INVENTORY TOWN FARM.

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Real estate,         | \$4500 00  |
| 10 ton hay,          | 160 00     |
| 1 " rowen,           | 16 00      |
| 3 " corn fodder,     | 21 00      |
| 1 " rye straw,       | 10 00      |
| 2 horses,            | 175 00     |
| 5 cows,              | 230 00     |
| 1 yearling,          | 15 00      |
| 1 calf,              | 5 00       |
| 5 shoats,            | 40 00      |
| 48 hens,             | 24 00      |
| 7 ducks,             | 3 50       |
| 35 bushels corn,     | 24 50      |
| Ice,                 | 8 00       |
| 100 lbs. pork,       | 10 00      |
| 50 lbs. beef,        | 4 00       |
| 4 bbls. cider,       | 10 00      |
| ½ bbl. vinegar,      | 3 00       |
| 3 gal. boiled cider, | 2 25       |
| 2 bush. beans,       | 5 00       |
| 1½ bbl. flour,       | 8 00       |
| 30 bush potatoes,    | 25 00      |
| 8 bbls. apples,      | 10 00      |
| 40 lbs. lard,        | 4 00       |
| Soap,                | 3 75       |
|                      | <hr/>      |
|                      | \$5,317 00 |
| Household furniture, | 450 00     |
| Farming tools,       | 350 00     |
|                      | <hr/>      |
|                      | \$6,117 00 |

Respectfully submitted,

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| M. O'KEEFE,    | } Overseers |
| G. H. GODDARD, |             |
| PAUL MOONEY,   |             |
|                | } of        |
|                | } Poor.     |

# SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

## Financial Report of the School Committee of Montague.

### RECEIPTS.

|                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance on hand Feb. 5, 1887,   | \$500 87    |
| Town appropriation for schools, | 14,500 00   |
| From State school fund,         | 241 41      |
| " Tuition,                      | 112 33      |
| " Books sold,                   | 43 17       |
|                                 | <hr/>       |
|                                 | \$15,397 78 |

### EXPENDITURES.

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| For Teachers' salaries,       | \$9,696 01  |
| " repairs and improvements,   | 673 73      |
| " care of school-houses,      | 825 24      |
| " fuel,                       | 571 92      |
| " text-books,                 | 462 02      |
| " school supplies,            | 504 54      |
| " transportation,             | 1,150 13    |
| " instruction in music,       | 266 70      |
| " music books and charts,     | 128 18      |
| " printing,                   | 20 00       |
| " census,                     | 20 00       |
| " teams,                      | 30 75       |
|                               | <hr/>       |
|                               | \$14,349 22 |
| Balance on hand Feb. 4, 1888, | 1,048 56    |
|                               | <hr/>       |
|                               | \$15,397 78 |

Respectfully submitted,

|                   |                                       |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| SEYMOUR ROCKWELL, | } Superintending<br>School Committee. |
| L. J. MARCH,      |                                       |
| JOHN A. TAGGART,  |                                       |

## BOARD OF HEALTH.

### REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1887.

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| May 2, L. L. Gerry's bill for plans for sewer connections, | 15 00    |
| June 6, C. T. Bagnall, printing,                           | 25 50    |
| Sept. 6, Hiram Martin, removing garbage from alleys;       | 27 75    |
| Oct. 3, " " " "  | 85 00    |
| Dec. 5, I. A. Darling, disinfectants, 1888.                | 3 85     |
| Jan. 2, L. Streeter, labor,                                | 3 50     |
| Feb. 4, Clark Machine Co. repairs on hose,                 | 4 10     |
| “ 4, A. Gilbert, Millers Falls, disinfectants,             | 1 50     |
| “ I. A. Darling, disinfectants,                            | 3 00     |
| “ C. T. Bagnall, Printing,                                 | 1 75     |
|  | \$170 95 |
| Appropriation,   | \$300 00 |
| Balance unexpended,  | \$129 05 |

We herewith submit the report of the Board of Health :

The work of the Board is mainly confined to the villages of Turners Falls and Millers Falls, and in these two places forty-nine nuisances have been abated during the year upon complaint and investigation. There have been reported ninety-three (93) cases of scarlet fever, and of diphtheria four cases at Turners Falls, and thirty-two at Millers Falls. There have been four deaths from scarlet fever at Turners Falls, and three from diphtheria at Millers Falls. By promptly isolating all cases as fast as reported or discovered, these contagious diseases have been kept under control, and it has not been necessary to close any of the schools.

The health of the village of Turners Falls in the future must depend largely upon the condition and the proper use of the system of sewers there established, and in this connection the Board would make some suggestions. By vote of the town the entire matter of connecting private drains with the public sewers was placed in charge of the Board of Health. With the assistance of a competent engineer, arrangements were made for a safe and simple method of making such connections. Notice of the same was duly given, and so far as possible these arrangements have been carried out. A careful examination of the village should be made; every house, where practicable, should be connected with the public sewer, and all imperfect connections, cess-pools and other objectionable methods should be done away with. The man holes along the line of the sewers, in their present shape are not only a source of annoyance by reason of the intolerable stench that arises from them, but are also a fruitful cause of sickness. These should be made airtight, and as the sewer gas must have some means of escape, the Board would recommend extending the sewer on High street to some convenient place and there erecting a pipe of sufficient size and height to ventilate the entire sewer system without annoyance or danger. To make the present system more effective, the Board would recommend that the sewer on G street be extended five hundred feet, that on Railroad street three hundred feet, and that the Fourth street sewer be extended so as to take all the water coming down through the ravine. It is estimated that these changes would not cost over two thousand dollars.

All of these matters, connected so intimately with the public health, are of the gravest importance and demand serious consideration.

|                |   |                                    |
|----------------|---|------------------------------------|
| E. C. COY,     | } | Board of<br>Health<br>of Montague. |
| W. M. CASSIDY, |   |                                    |
| C. L. GOLAND,  |   |                                    |

# EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MONTAGUE PUBLIC LIBRARY,

FROM FEB. 1, 1887, TO FEB. 1, 1888.

## *Library at Montague Village.*

|                                |      |
|--------------------------------|------|
| Whole number of volumes,       | 2866 |
| Volumes added during the year, | 144  |
| Number of cards issued,        | 223  |
| “ books taken out,             | 5259 |

## *Library at Turners Falls.*

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Whole number of volumes, | 1508 |
| Number of patrons,       | 600  |
| “ “ books taken out,     | 6225 |

## FINANCIAL REPORT, FEB. 13, 1888.

|                                     |          |  |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--|
| Cash received, from Town Treasurer, | \$600 00 |  |
| “ from County, Dog Fund,            | 240 80   |  |
|                                     | \$840 80 |  |

|  |          |  |
|--|----------|--|
| Cash paid on account of Library at Montague, | 370 87   |  |
| “ “ “ Turners Falls,                         | 207 54   |  |
| Balance on hand, acc. library at Montague,   | 49 53    |  |
| “ “ “ “ Turners Falls,                       | 212 86   |  |
|  | \$840 80 |  |

|                    |   |            |
|--------------------|---|------------|
| E. A. DEANE,       | } | Library    |
| KATE A. ARMSTRONG, |   |            |
| SEYMOUR ROCKWELL,  | } | Committee. |
| C. M. BURNETT,     |   |            |
| MRS. H. O. SMITH,  |   |            |
| C. W. HAZELTON,    |   |            |

REPORT OF THE SEWER SINKING FUND COM-  
MISSIONERS, February, 13, 1888.

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Balance cash on hand, Feb. 24, 1887,       | \$51 11   |
| Received interest on Fitchburg R. R. bond, | 50 00     |
| “ “ “ mortgage note,                       | 54 00     |
| “ from Town Treasurer,                     | 2000 00   |
|  | <hr/>     |
|  | \$2155 11 |

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Invested. Bonds of Turners Falls fire district, | 2000 00   |
| “ Premium on same,                              | 50 00     |
| “ Interest on same,                             | 13 78     |
| Cash on hand,                                   | 91 33     |
|   | <hr/>     |
|   | \$2155 11 |

## SECURITIES BELONGING TO THE SINKING FUND.

|                                  |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| First mortgage on real estate,   | \$1200 00 |
| Bond of Fitchburg R. R. Co.,     | 1000 00   |
| “ “ Turners Falls fire district, | 2000 00   |

Signed,

|  |  |
|--|--|
| C. W. HAZELTON,<br>D. P. ABERCROMBIE,<br>F. I. WEBSTER,<br>G. L. RIST,<br>W. H. WARD,<br>E. F. GUNN, | } Commissioners<br>of the<br>Sewer Sinking Fund. |
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February 16, 1888.

We have, this day, examined the assets of the Sewer Sinking Fund and find them correct.

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| E. I. CASSIDY,<br>J. H. ROOT, | } Auditors. |
|-------------------------------|-------------|

## LIST OF JURORS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN.

|                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Ira D. Luey.      | George C. Lougee.    |
| Stephen McCarthy. | M. B. Collins.       |
| Clarence Owen.    | S. H. Amidon.        |
| A. T. Bartlett.   | L. J. March.         |
| Warren Bardwell.  | Sandford Marsh.      |
| S. E. Ripley.     | Joseph F. Bartlett.  |
| Geo. H. Goddard.  | E. D. Severence      |
| Andrew McCarthy.  | Fred A. Rist.        |
| Luther E. Cole.   | Geo. Gemmell.        |
| Christian Fritz.  | Philip Shannahan.    |
| T. F. Harrington. | E. L. Bartlett.      |
| D. J. Thomas.     | Louis March.         |
| Charles Sicard.   | Frank E. Kellogg.    |
| C. P. Bardwell.   | W. F. McQuesten.     |
| W. E. Dudley.     | Louis Cloutier.      |
| Danforth Ripley.  | Andrew Schieding.    |
| Eugene Taft.      | Franklin Field.      |
| W. H. Nims.       | Lucius S. Field.     |
| Richard Clapp.    | W. H. Ward.          |
| P. F. Welch.      | James A. Gunn.       |
| George Starbuck.  | Henry J. Day.        |
| Thaxter Shaw.     | Anson F. Cobb.       |
| Philip Jacobus.   | Daniel W. Spaulding. |
| Geo. A. Clapp.    | George D. Payne.     |









